Docket No.: 49657-894 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hiroyuki KUZUMA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/773,623

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RESULT IN REGARD TO PARASITIC ELEMENTS

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

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	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	10	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$86,00 =	\$0.00
		Multiple claims newly presented			\$0.00
		Fee for extension of time			\$0.00
					\$0.00
		Total of Above Calculations			\$0.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: